

Clearmeadow P.S., Year End Newsletter

As we race off to enjoy all of the fun activities that summertime offers, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the fine people who make Clearmeadow such a terrific place for children to learn and to grow. The Clearmeadow staff continues to demonstrate their commitment to providing a caring and positive learning environment for our students and educational program that are enriching and creative. The parent community generously donates time and energy to supporting classroom activities as well as extracurricular functions. The School Council works tirelessly to be the voice of families in ensuring that the school and the community function as a harmonious team. Fundraising activities have been highly successful in raising money for valued programs as well as connecting families in purposeful fun. Our students, your children, strive to demonstrate the character qualities that we all prize so highly—respect, responsibility, courage, empathy, initiative, honesty, fairness, integrity, perseverance, optimism. It is very exciting and rewarding to watch your children evolve into responsible and caring citizens. Thank you for making us part of your family. Have a happy and safe summer. See you in September! L. Hill-Oren



Class Placements

We regret that we are unable to share with you your child's class placement until August 29. The Ministry hard cap on primary class size necessitates that adjustments be made to class placements and possibly to school organization after summer registrations are known. To ease opening day anxiety, the proposed classes will be posted in the windows of the staff room on Friday August 29 (to remain posted over the holiday weekend). You will require your child's student number (on their report card) as names cannot be listed publicly. Class placements will be tentative for the first few weeks of September. We regret any inconvenience or anxiety that this process may cause to your family.

Clearmeadow School Council "Rocks"

Flipping through the beautifully prepared Clearmeadow Yearbook so clearly illustrates what an amazingly exciting place Clearmeadow is for students and families. The Clearmeadow School Council, chaired by Robynne Hutton and Sophia Mullin has embraced a variety of unique and fun community events this year. It has been inspiring to work with such a dedicated group of parents who are so passionate about Clearmeadow and have so much energy! Fundraising efforts have been very successful and have offered support to many exciting educational programs. We hope that you take a moment to read the excellent overview shared in the Council newsletter.



Supporting the Spirit of Mandela

We thought that you might like to know that the Student Council raised \$430 in funds for the "Spirit of Mandela" cause this year. They sold art work on the Arts Night and also held a Toonie Drive. Thank you for demonstrating the philanthropic qualities of caring citizens!

Congratulations!

Each term we look forward to preparing certificates to recognize the accomplishments of our students. In the final term we awarded certificates to:

253 Learning Skills Leaders gr. 1-8 (38%)
18 Grade 7 Honours (80%+)
17 Grade 8 Honours (80%+)
54 students who made over 5% academic gains over the year.

Bravo!



Questions About Your Child's Final Report Card?

Teachers will be available at the following time to respond to inquiries:

Friday, June 27
11:00—12:00

Did You Pick Up Your Child's Medication from the Office?

Does Your Child Ride the Bus to School?

Bus pick up and drop-off times and locations will most likely remain the same. We do, however, recommend that you confirm your child's schedule at www.schoolbuscity.com anytime after August 17. The school office will reopen starting August 25 (8:15 am—3:30 pm).

Summer Wishes from

Martin Van Beek, Our Trustee

"I would like to thank you for supporting your school communities and our students during this school year. The activities, events and day-to-day volunteering by parents truly enriches the lives of all of our students. Your efforts exemplify the home-to-school connection.

It has been a very busy year at the Board table as well. We are proud to have approved the Board's budget for the upcoming school year. A number of policies have also been updated and are accessible on our website www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca under the caption "Your Trustee", and planning for the upcoming school year is well underway.

As trustee, I am reminded each day of how important public education is to the fabric of our communities and how hard we all work together to ensure that our students achieve.

I have enjoyed working with parents and staff during the school year and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer."

Sincerely,

Trustee Martin Van Beek

Have an AMAZING summer!
See you on September 2nd!
Please play safely.



Summer Learning

A team of researchers at the University of Missouri have established that summer learning loss does exist. All students lose in math skills, most lose in reading skills and those students experiencing difficulty in school are those who lose the most. Students regress 3—6 months during summer vacation!

Have you ever heard of a group of musicians who rehearsed every day from September through June but then took a two month summer vacation without practising at all? Or, of professional athletes who never exercised during the off-season? What would happen to their performance? Throughout the school year, students have many opportunities to learn and achieve. They read, write, and learn new vocabulary words. They work together to solve math problems and complete hands-on science projects. They use books, computers, films and outings to explore new worlds. During the summer, many children take a vacation from learning activities and practising the skills that they need to be successful. Reading is replaced with television viewing and video games.

Nearly every child suffers from what is called summer learning loss. Children forget important skills and knowledge that they don't use over the summer. Teachers frequently spend four to eight weeks at the beginning of each school year re-teaching materials that students have forgotten over the summer. Summer learning losses add up over many years and can have a large impact on a child's performance. How students spend their time during the summer is important to their academic success.

There are many enjoyable and easy ways for parents to help their children continue learning during the summer. The best ways to support learning during the summer do NOT involve tutoring, textbooks, worksheets and quizzes. Summer is an excellent time for informal education such as trips to museums, public libraries and parks. Children should use their vacation from school to discover the joy of learning, reading, and writing about things that interest them.

Moving?

We certainly understand that notifying the school of an intended move is low on the "to do list" when faced with the daunting task of relocating a family. Clearmeadow is a very large school however, and we are faced with strict mandates when creating classes. We REALLY APPRECIATE knowing if a student will be moving as this information can have significant impact on the availability of space for a newly arrived family. We thank you for your help.



Clearmeadow Coyotes Wrap Up Another Great Season!

Clearmeadow's interschool sports teams have enjoyed considerable success again this year. In cross country, our junior age students, grades three through six, won the overall championship at the York Region Meet.

Our Junior Girls' VB team won an eighth consecutive Newmarket Area Championship while our Junior Boys' team won for the third year in a row. Our Junior Co-Ed team also won the Newmarket Area Championship for the eighth straight time and as a result earned a trip to the York Region Championship Tournament. There is no regional tournament for Junior Boys and Junior Girls, only Junior Co-Ed. At the regional our junior co-ed team won for the seventh time.

In senior volleyball our boys' team recaptured the area championship while our senior girls' team won for the sixth consecutive year.

Two of our basketball teams presented well, Our senior girls' team placed third at the area tournament while our junior girls' team won the area championship and went on to place third at the regionals. Our other basketball teams played every bit as hard but came up a bit short.

In track & field our Tyke students (grade four) placed first overall in York Region. Students not participating on a school team have enjoyed a number of intramural activities including soccer, football, volleyball and floor hockey.



Track & Field Champions

Mite	Girls	Jamie Palm
Mite	Boys	Bryn Sanford
Tyke	Girls	Emily Clarke
Tyke	Boys	Junya Kudo
Atom	Girls	Melanie Issett
Atom	Boys	Connor McDavid
Junior	Girls	Shay Santos
Junior	Boys	Michael Milne
Intermediate	Girls	Stephanie Speers
Intermediate	Boys	Clifford Lofthouse
Senior	Girls	Rebecca Craig
Senior	Boys	Tyler Young

BRAVO!